

We want to thank you for attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual UST owner conference. Last year was the first time in close to 10 years that we had a tank owner conference. We received a lot of positive comments, great questions, and several concerns about the future of petroleum storage that we want to continue these educational outreach events.

However, to make the conferences more convenient, we decided to start moving the conferences to different areas around the state. So many of you only have two or three employees, so spending the entire day is Jackson is not feasible. To meet this concern, we will begin routing the conferences every 6 to 12 months throughout the state in hopes you can attend at least one conference every two years. This conference is the start of this trend.



Last year's conference had over 150 people throughout the state in attendance. Everyone was excited about the great turnout.



We had multiple opportunities to meet individually with so many of you, so we will encourage those one on one discussions today with frequent breaks. Anyone that you see today walking around with a DEQ or Dept of Ag shirt or a name tag, please feel free to stop them and say hi or ask any question you may have.



We're excited to have the Department of Agriculture and Commerce Petroleum Testing Division partnered with us today for this conference. Jennifer and her inspectors will be providing information you may need about your petroleum quality, sampling, and other regulatory requirements.



Like us at MDEQ, their inspectors are the first line of defense for making sure everything with your petroleum system is running smoothly. Please make it a point to meet with the inspectors in your area and feel free to contact them when questions arise.



I want to start off today introducing or re-introducing you to our staff. For the most part, our staff has remained the same, but there have been a few changes. We are still divided up by

Registration of USTs

**Annual Tank Fees** 

**UST Certified Contractor Program** 

**Database Management** 

**Public Information Outreach** 



Whatever our goals are and no matter the difference, we are all working together for our future generations



Inspecting the 8,000 USTs throughout the State

These are the people you see the most from our office. They are your UST inspectors.

## Inspectors will

- Open all the manways and metal covers
- Look at the motors in the tank
- Check your leak detection records
- Inspect the inside of your dispenser cabinets





Ensuring Compliance and Enforcement of UST regulations at 3,000 facilities

Working with 1,100 owners

## Compliance & Enforcement Staff will



- Send you letters after the inspection regarding any problems
- Request maintenance records
- Talk to your contractor to get necessary repairs completed
- Place tanks on delivery prohibition



Investigating, assessing, and remediating the 500 confirmed and suspected releases

Assessment & Cleanup Project Managers will:

- Contact you when petroleum is found outside the tank
- Request monthly leak detection records
- Require site assessments
- Coordinate the cleanup of petroleum contamination





Govern the Trust Fund – ensure costs are governed for assessment and remediation

Working on the costs associated with the 173 MGPTF Sites and 54 Federal Sites

Keep the Trust Fund sound for you

## Financial staff will

- Pay the invoices for your environmental firms conducting the assessment and cleanup
- Control the costs of the work conducted on your property
- Send approval letters for work to begin on your property





Keeping all the paperwork for the 3,000 facilities

Handling the 260 UST Certified Contractors

Handling all the tank fee invoices and payments for the 1,100 owners

## Registration, Closure & Outreach staff will:

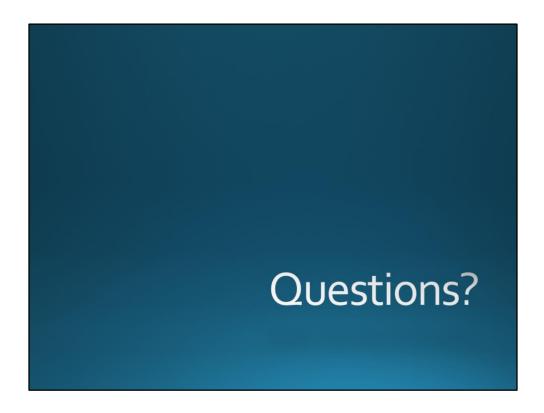
- Certify the UST contractors
- Update our records when you sell your location
- Change your tank status if you stop using your tanks
- Review and approve tank closure information

- Issue the annual tank fees
- Answer all general questions
- Register any new tanks and/or piping you may install



Never stay stagnant and always looking for ways to improve our working relationship and our efficiency

We all also have more accountability to the public



This was just a quick rundown on who we are and how we can help you. If you have any suggestions or comments, we would love to hear them either during the breaks or after the conference.

At this time, I'd like to open it up to any quick questions you may have